

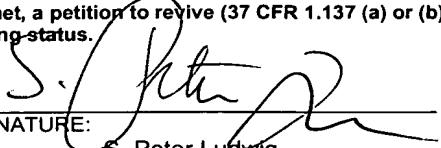
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/05362	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 April 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 12 August 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF UPGRADING BIOMASS, UPGRADED BIOMASS, BIOMASS WATER SLURRY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, UPGRADED BIOMASS GAS, AND METHOD OF GASIFYING, etc.		
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